

among the members. The presence of many delegates from the parent Churches in Britain, and Presbyterian Church of the United States, helped to strengthen the bonds in which the Canada Presbyterian Church is linked to other members of the great Presbyterian family. The visits of these delegates have already had the effect of making Canada and our Canadian Church more widely known and respected. Our Church has been widening her borders, lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes. Coincident with the arrival of Canadian troops in the Red River settlement and the re-establishment of order and good government in that newly formed province, was the inauguration of the new Presbytery of Manitoba. A link to unite this far off Presbytery with those of Ontario has been formed in the Presbyterian region on the north shores of lakes Huron and Superior, where missionaries are now labouring for the first time during the winter months. In the east also there has been taken during the past year a gratifying interest in French Canadian Missions. The Montreal College has added to its staff a French professor, Mr. Coussirat, whose duty it is to train French-speaking students for ministerial and missionary usefulness among their fellow-countrymen. Father Chiniquy again appeared among his old enemies, the Montreal mob, in the interests of Protestant Christianity, and although roughly handled at first, succeeded in gaining a hearing for the Gospel and in claiming that toleration for the converted Romanist which has been long denied, to the great detriment of those who, convinced of the errors of Rome, have not dared openly to avow their sentiments. In the beginning of last year, the Presbytery of Toronto inaugurated an annual conference of the ministers, elders and deacons or other congregational office-bearers, within its bounds, on the state of religion. The result of the conference was exceedingly gratifying, and will doubtless tend to promote similar meetings throughout the Presbyteries of the Church. Home Mission operations have been largely extended, and the Colleges in Toronto and Montreal maintain their numbers and efficiency, while the Foreign Mission Committee seeks scope for the Church's energies in distant heathen lands. The long-projected scheme, of providing a memorial of the late Rev. Dr. Burns, has at last been set on foot, and subscriptions are coming in from all quarters. It is expected that a large enough sum will be raised to place a suitable monument over his grave, and to endow a chair in the College to which he was so deeply attached, and in which he breathed his last. The past year has removed several names from the ministerial roll as well as from the eldership of the Church. The majority of them were men that, having borne the burden and heat of the day, had retired from the active work of the ministry. We miss the Rev. Messrs. Murdoch, of Galt, Douglass, of Millbrook, McLachlan, of Beaverton, Scott, of Florence, and Christie, of Flamboro'. They rest from their labours and their works follow them.

Finally, one of the most interesting and hopeful events of last year was the Union meeting, in the city of Montreal, on the 28th of September. At this meeting, over which Dr. Cook presided, and of which Dr. Topp was Secretary, there were present committees of five or six members, half of whom were elders, from each of the four Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion, who agreed to recommend union upon a simple basis, in the Presbyterian Church of British North America, to their respective Assembly and Synods.

Thus the year has come to a close, full of strife and threatenings as regards the world at large, for which the Millenium yet seems far off, but